

*At Halirud-hous the 22. day of November, The zeir of God, 1596.*

THE ARTICLES SET DOWNE BE HIS MALESTIE TO BE FIRST EFFECTIV-  
ally performit be the Erle of Huntlie, before he ressaue ony licence to retorne or remane in Scotland, or ony vther be-  
nefite of his Majesties Lawes, conforme to the ordour tane at the Convention of Falkland vpon the 12. day of  
August last, and thairefter ratifit be ane vther Convention of the Estates. At Dunfermling the penult day of  
September last bypast.



N PRIMIS, fassonneble as at the said Convention. It wes foundin, that it could na waies stand  
with the fasson of ouchis Religion, nor sic with his Mienes hones and fasson of his crestoun and estate:  
That the said fassone Erle, and bethers of his Sociecie, suld be alwayes suffit to remane in the estate  
ouniont thay at presently. Bot that acher his Maisties clementie suld be extendit towarde thame,  
as bethers that the bett extermunton of thame, their race and posterite suld be loscht. And to  
respect that said bett distincion carayd ane gret difficultie, and could not possiblie be perfoured but  
a crull waier: And als was na waies thache expedient, or desirit be any man of quarelemente estate, so far along as  
that wes any hope that thay could returne to the ouchis Religion. Thacholt, it wes conchide and resolute that his  
Mienes with aide of the Lordis of his Maisties secret counsil, suld set downe and put in forme sic condicions as  
thay suld think maist meet, for the fasson of the said ouchis Religion, his Mienes person, honoure, Crestoun, Estate and  
Commonweale of this Cuntry. Quhilk condicions being refouit and introuit be the said fassone Erle, and all  
possible securitie presently foundin for performance tharto: That his Mienes thairfor suld grant his graces licence  
to the said fassone Erle, to returne and remane within ony part of this Realme, his Maistie suld think maist con-  
uenient: Quhilkhow the haerts and minds of his Mienes subiectis presently distractit, may be both tyne boundit  
to Gods glory, his Mienes obedience, and commonweale and quietnes of his Estate and Cuntry. And be refouit, be  
the langer delay in setting downe of the saidis Articles, his Maisties gyde intention to the advancement of the  
ouchis Religion mycht be misconstruit, or be Calumnyis publicly or priuately traducit, to the alienation of the  
haerts of his Maisties ouchis subiectis. Thacholt his Maistie with auld sayld, hes set downe and put in forme the  
saidis Articles and condicions, in maner following,

FIRST, That the said fassone Erle suld paciently finde sufficient and refouit cautions of Inlands men,  
landit Barrouches and gentlemen, to the number of fiftene at the leist, to be sette in the burghs or secret counsil burgh  
the pane of fourtie thousand poundis: Tha twa of the saidis cautionars confiditly and generally for ilk fiftene thousand  
poundis of the said haill summe, That the said fassone Erle, suld faithfully obserue his and fiftell, the said articles  
undermentionate and evry one of thame: To wit, that he suld betwixt and the first day of April next to com, acher  
twalfe the hicht for his bypast apostacie, and returne to the boome thairfor in baillowmote of Scotland, or befoir the  
expiring of the said tyme suld depart againe out of this Cuntry, and remane out thairof. And na waies to returne  
thairof, without his Maisties speciall licence had and obtainit to that effect.

NIXT, That during the said space, he suld banilb one of his cumpanys all Jesuits, Prelie preists and excommuni-  
cate Papists, and haue na dealing, communication, nor intelligence with thame or ony of thame: Specially, with  
his father brother, Maister James Gordoun, nor suldt his bairnis, incars ony be borne to him in the meane tyme, to  
be bethers baptest, nor publickly with ane minister.

THIRDLIE, That in the meane tyme of his said remaining within the Cuntry, and als incars of his Depart-  
ting at the tyme foysaid: That during the haill tyme of his absence out of the Cuntry, he suld not traffique with o-  
ny strangers or bethers, for alteration of the ouchis Religion, or disquicting of the pacient estate of this Cuntry in  
ony sorte.

FOVRTLIE, That his soruer Cautionars suld stand oblit, incars evir lauchfull tryallit be foundin: That he  
sen his last Departing out of this Cuntry, hes ony waies traffiqued with strangers or bethers for subversion of the  
Religion or alteration of the Estate.

FIFTLIE, That he suld paciently enter his persone in landit within sic part or place as his Maistie suld appoint.

SAXTLIE, That he suld within fiftene dayes next after the date heis of enter his eldest sonne and appentand  
him, as pledge and hostage to his Maistie, for the said Erles obseruing of all and fityng the Articles befoir and af-  
ter mentionate. And that his said Son suld remane as pledge in his company, landit, or Castell as his Ma-  
iestie suld appoint, whair he may be most commodiously instancit and brocht by in the ouchis Religion: And na  
waies eschayp thairfor be his said fader knowledge, assistance or ratification.

LAST, That the said fassone Erle suld compair personally befoir his Maistie and Lordis of Secret Counsil,  
quhensoever he suld be lawfully chargit upon fiftene dayes of bairning for tryall of his contencionis of ony of the  
Articles before mentionate, shponiting, that the cause quhairfor he suld be then chargit, suld be expely contenit in  
the Letters with ane warrant: That he suld not be challenged at that tyme for ony bether fact done be him, before  
his last passing out of Scotland.